

**June 8, 2011**

**Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board**

Present: Christina Bollo, Jon Morgan, Betty Ahrens, Seth Schromen-Wawrin, Greg Brey, Mark Landreaneau, Devor Barton, Katherine MacKinnon, Jen Calleja, Jacob Struiksma, Kristen Lohse,

Absent: Kristen Lohse, Mike Cechvala, Betty Ahrens

SDOT staff liaison: Brian Dougherty

Public Attendees: none

Public Comment: Victor STover

With Kristen leaving for Bridging the Gap and with no secretary, SPAB has a leadership vacuum: Please email Christina and Brian about interest in becoming Secretary and Vice-Chair.

The April and May meeting minutes have been approved.

**Individual Reports**

Seth: Pedestrian Advocacy Training Class update; advocacy around non-motorized transport; what can we do to connect are neighborhoods.

Katharine: in DC, trying out bike share, found it to be a challenging city for pedestrians, notes that we don't usually think about street length

Christina: update on multimodal group and Feet First Fundraiser

Jeniffer: Rally around pedestrian safety at 35th SW and Juneau, very busy, but volume is too high for a road diet, tour with Rasmussen 6/16

Greg: Public Health class at UW, looking at alley ways, asks what members of the Board think of alleys as a means to create pedestrian space. Seth and Greg agree that diluting our work if we

*Seth asks if we can have the fire department come to talk to us; Brian notes he has a contact.*

Jon: Notes that wayfinding at Pike Place Market is not good; Been attending CTAC meetings as a Ped Board representative; Contacted "Walking in Seattle" blog and will meet with that person; asks for Final Approval of 125th Road Diet blog.

Devor: Bicycle Advisory Group has had very similar meetings to us; Waterfront Seattle group presented an integrated (bike/ped) presentation, in design phase until next year, focusing on opening east-west streets. [waterfrontseattle.org](http://waterfrontseattle.org)

Mark: Tom Rasmusen and Tim Burgess toured the Lighthouse for the blind and Mark was surprised that they did not know about the vibrating Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS). Mark shares a wayfinding device that vibrates.

*Christina suggests the Lighthouse simulation tour for the August meeting. Mark agrees.*

Jacob: Been attending meetings with CTAC and Bellevue Link right-of-way.

### **Columbian Way Update: Brian Dougherty**

South Columbian Way was repaved and complete streets configuration was used.

A brief study has been conducted:

Traffic volume is up 15-20%, no change in number of collisions, top-end speeders (+40mph) down 47%. One-year study will include bike and ped counts.

This project will be extended to MLK this year, with no capital improvements, but new buffered bike lanes. The project is paid for by the bicycle master plan.

*Jacob notes that it is a hard place to walk and asks about funding for ped improvements. Brian answers that there is no plan to repave the street. He encourages ped board*

*member*

*Jen asks about the budget: Brian answers, \$50,000*

In this section of roadway, 87% are traveling over the speed limit (30mph); 17% are traveling over 40mph. This section has 15% less volume, but much faster speeds than the already re-channelized section. No collisions involving pedestrians in last three years.

Brian asks for comments, even informal over email, by next Wednesday, June 15th.

*Jon asks about marking more crosswalks. Brian answers that ped counts will be conducted first. Physical changes may be needed which would cost more.*

## **Pedestrian Master Plan Deliverables: Barbara Gray, Kristen Simpson**

### 1. Center City Placemaking

- McGraw Park complete; management issues have been raised
- Green Alleys document completed by UW, doing competition
- Waterfront Seattle has integrated Center City guidelines
- King Street Hub Strategy- Sara Robertson would like to return soon
- Lake to Bay Loop, new pedestrian improvements
- Denny and Thomas Green Street: still not adopted.

### 2. Walkable Zone

- Two federal grants for education around pedestrian safety.
- Partnerships with Chambers of Commerce.
- Barbara will get an update on Sandwich Board permitting process

### 3. ROW Improvement Manual: Design Guidance

- Scoping underway
- New York and San Francisco are good precedents

### 4. Land Use Code Changes

- Working on UDFs in Southeast, Capitol Hill and Northgate

### 5. Encouragement and Education Programs

- Holiday campaign will focus more on enforcement
- Summer Streets will continue
- Wayfinding group still on the table

### 6. Pedestrian Lighting Plan

- SPD has released street crime data as it relates to ped lighting
- Barbara would like to show Pedestrian Lighting plan in September

### 7. Policy Issues

- Mobile food still at council.
- Festival Streets is complete and underway; easily passed
- CIP prioritization used Master Plan criteria
- Accessible Pedestrian Signal policy on track to complete

### 8. Sustainable Cities Initiative

- Visionary Set of Statements on hold

9. Pedestrian Master Plan Infrastructure for 2011 to date

- 11/50 Crossing Improvements
- 134/300 Crosswalks Remarketed
- 3/280 New and Upgraded Curb Ramps (longer time on Design)

2010 Annual Report on the Pedestrian Master Plan not yet complete.

Pedestrian Counts for Q1 have been completed, Q2 in process.

SDOT will publish a report of the ped counts in 2012

Kristen would like to do a map of the counts and a map of improvements.

**Transit Master Plan: Jennifer Wieland and Tony Mazzella**

Transit Master Plan is not intended to compensate for METRO transit reductions. The plan is focused on priorities for enhanced service for the City of Seattle.

Plan is focused on leveraging transit.

Public Outreach includes: Technical and Public Advisory Group, Stakeholder Interviews, Web Survey.

Produced a Briefing Book on the State of Seattle's Transit System.

For transit performance: speed, reliability and load factor (an amortized metric that looks at number of riders as a percentage of possible riders over an entire route)

*Katherine asks how corridors were identified with regard to desire and current use.*

Jennifer W. presents a map showing the potential pedestrian demand using data from the Pedestrian Master Plan. Overlays boarding locations with Ped Plan.

Jennifer W. presents a map showing Improvement Opportunities Along the Roadway and Crossing the Roadways to show the cross-analysis of the

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm**

*Next meeting July 13th, 2011*